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In re Appln. of: LATTER et al.

Appln. No.: 09/684,828

Filed: October 10, 2000

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING
 CALL IDENTIFICATION SCREENING
 USING AUDIBLE CALLER NAME
 ANNOUNCEMENT

Attorney Docket No: 8285/397

Examiner: Roland G. Foster

Art Unit: 2645

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Transmittal (and copy)(2 pages); Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (4 pages); Declaration of Jason C. White (3 pages) with Exhibits A, B, C, and D (40 pages)

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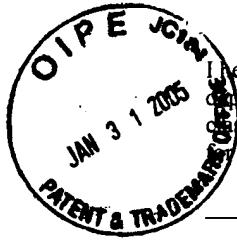
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in this application. In support of this petition, Applicants have submitted herewith a declaration executed by the undersigned attorney and provide the following facts and remarks.

FACTS

A non-final office action in the above-identified patent application was mailed on March 31, 2003, in which all of the pending claims were rejected based upon the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,178,232. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 2). All of the pending claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 2). On September 26, 2003, Applicants filed a terminal disclaimer and fee to overcome the double-patent rejections and filed a Response to Office Action in which amendments and remarks were presented to traverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 3). A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time was also included. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 3).

On October 23, 2003, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 4). The notice stated that proper status identifiers for each of the claims were not provided. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 4). The notice specifically stated that the phrase “Previously Added” was not a proper status identifier. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 4). Because the non-compliant amendment was submitted in response to a non-final office action, Applicants were given one month to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 4).

On November 5, 2003, Applicants submitted a Corrected Response to Office Action that included proper status identifiers for each of the claims. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 5). Specifically, the status identifier “Previously Added” was removed and replaced with “Previously Presented.” (Exhibit 1, ¶ 5). On November 17, 2003, Applicants received a postcard from the Patent & Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of the Corrected Response to Office Action. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 6).

On or around June 22, 2004, the Examiner for this patent application telephoned Applicants' attorney and inquired about whether a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment had been filed. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 7). Applicant's attorney informed him that a response had been filed, and sent him a copy of the previously filed response by facsimile. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 7).

On December 14, 2004, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed indicating that the application was abandoned due to Applicants' failure to respond to the October 23, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 8).

On December 29, 2004, Applicants' attorney spoke with the Examiner for this patent application and again informed him that a response to the October 23, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment had been filed on November 5, 2003 and that a postcard had been received from the Patent Office acknowledging receipt of the corrected response. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 9). Applicants' attorney also reminded him that they had previously discussed this same issue in June 2004, and asked him if he would withdraw his holding of abandonment if copies of the corrected response and the postcard were sent to him. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 9). After the discussion, Applicants' attorney sent a copy of the November 5, 2003 Corrected Response to Office Action, as well as a copy of the postcard acknowledging receipt of the corrected response, to the Examiner via facsimile. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 9).

As of the filing date of this Petition, the Examiner had not withdrawn his holding of abandonment for this application. (Exhibit 1, ¶ 10).

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that this Petition is timely because it has been filed less than two months after the Notice of Abandonment was mailed. Applicants also respectfully submit that given the above facts, the Examiner's holding of abandonment for this application is erroneous. The basis for the holding of abandonment was that Applicants failed to respond to the October 23, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. However, Applicants have shown that a response to that notice was filed, as evidenced by the postcard sent by the Patent Office acknowledging receipt of the response. Accordingly, because Applicants did file a timely response to the October 23, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that pursuant to MPEP § 711.03(c)(I), no petition fee is required. However, in the event that any fees are required, Applicants request that they be charged to deposit account No. 23-1925.

Dated: January 26, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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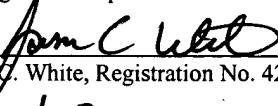
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DECLARATION OF JASON C. WHITE

I, Jason C. White, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney of record in the above-identified patent application.
2. A non-final office action in the above-identified patent application was mailed on March 31, 2003, in which all of the pending claims were rejected based upon the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,178,232. All of the pending claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103.

3. On September 26, 2003, Applicants filed a terminal disclaimer and fee to overcome the double-patent rejections and filed a Response to Office Action in which amendments and remarks were presented to traverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time was also included.

4. On October 23, 2003, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed. The notice stated that proper status identifiers for each of the claims were not provided. The notice specifically stated that the phrase “Previously Added” was not a proper status identifier. Because the non-compliant amendment was submitted in response to a non-final office action, Applicants were given one month to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

5. On November 5, 2003, Applicants submitted a Corrected Response to Office Action that included proper status identifiers for each of the claims. Specifically, the status identifier “Previously Added” was removed and replaced with “Previously Presented.” (Tab A).

6. On November 17, 2003, Applicants received a postcard from the Patent & Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of the Corrected Response to Office Action. (Tab B).

7. On or around June 22, 2004, the Examiner for this patent application telephoned me and inquired about whether a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment had been filed. I informed him that a response had been filed, and I sent him a copy of the previously filed response by facsimile. (Tab C).

8. On December 14, 2004, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed indicating that the application was abandoned due to Applicants’ failure to respond to the October 23, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

9. On December 29, 2004, I spoke with the Examiner for this patent application and again informed him that a response to the October 23, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment had been filed on November 5, 2003 and that I had received a postcard from the Patent Office acknowledging receipt of the corrected response. I also reminded him that we had previously discussed this same issue in June 2004, and asked him if he would withdraw his holding of abandonment if I sent him copies of the

corrected response and the postcard. The Examiner said that he would look into the matter and get back to me. After our discussion, I sent a copy of the November 5, 2003 Corrected Response to Office Action, as well as a copy of the postcard acknowledging receipt of the corrected response, to the Examiner via facsimile. (Tab D):

10. As of the filing date of this Petition, I have not heard back from the Examiner concerning my request that he withdraw his holding of abandonment.

11. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: January 26, 2005



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 8285/397
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Inventor(s) Latter et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ENHANCED CALLER IDENTIFICATION SCREENING USING AUDIBLE CALLER NAME ANNOUNCEMENT			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Corrected Response to Office Action, Return Post Card with sufficient postage.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a _____ month extension of time.

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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

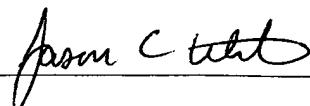
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CORRECTED RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Corrected Response to Office Action is being submitted in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 23, 2003. Since this Corrected Response to Office Action is being submitted within one month of the Notice, no extension of time is required. In this Corrected Response, the status identifiers for several claims have been corrected to read "Previously Presented."

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks and request reconsideration of the application.

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

Please delete the present title and replace it with the following title, as suggested by the Examiner:

--METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ENHANCED CALLER
IDENTIFICATION SCREENING USING AUDIBLE CALLER NAME
ANNOUNCEMENT.--

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:
 - (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing data contained within a query, wherein the data includes an indication of whether or not there is a restriction on the presentation of the standard caller identification;
 - (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station; and

(c) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station if the calling party provides audible caller identification information.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein (a) comprises determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station is unavailable by analyzing data contained within a query.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein (a) comprises determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station is incomplete by analyzing data contained within a query.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein (a) comprises determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station has been blocked by analyzing data contained within a query.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein (b) comprises transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein (b) comprises:

(b1) transmitting a message indicating that the called communication station does not accept calls from an unidentified calling party and

(b2) transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein (c) comprises:

(c1) recording the audible caller identification information and

(c2) transmitting the recorded audible caller identification information to the called communication station.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising transmitting a message to the called communication station, the message comprising accept and reject options.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising transmitting a request for input from the called communication station.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the message comprises audible instructions.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising connecting the calling communication station with the called communication station in response to input from the called communication station.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising connecting the calling communication station with the called communication station in response to dual tone multi-frequency tones transmitted from the called communication station.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising canceling the call in response to the called communication station being placed on hook.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

(a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station by analyzing data contained within a query, wherein the data includes an indication of

whether or not there is a restriction on the presentation of the standard caller identification;

- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
- (c) receiving audible caller identification information from the calling party;
- (d) causing the called communication station to ring; and
- (e) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station in response to the called communication station being placed off hook.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein (b) comprises:

- (b1) transmitting a message indicating that the called communication station does not accept calls from an unidentified calling party and
- (b2) transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising transmitting a message to the called communication station, the message comprising accept and reject options.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising transmitting a request for input from the called communication station.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising connecting the calling communication station with the called communication station in response to input from the called party.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising connecting the calling communication station with the called communication station in response to dual tone multi-frequency tones transmitted from the called communication station.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising canceling the call in response to the called communication station being placed on hook.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that the title of the invention was not descriptive and required a new title. The title has been amended to reflect the title suggested by the Examiner.

In the Office Action, Claims 11-30 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,178,232. In response to the double patenting rejections, Applicants submit herewith a timely-filed terminal disclaimer and fee. Accordingly, Applicants request that the double patenting rejections be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, Claims 11-13, 15, 17-21, 24, and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as be anticipated by Devillier (U.S. patent no. 5,850,435). Because Devillier is alleged to be prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and Applicants reserve the right to antedate this reference. Even if Devillier qualifies as prior art, Claims 11-30 are patentable over this reference for at least the reasons provided below.

Claims 11 and 24 have been amended to recite that the data that is analyzed to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station includes an indication of whether or not there is a restriction on the presentation of the standard caller identification. None of the systems described in Devillier disclose this feature. Therefore, Claims 11 and 24 are patentable over Devillier, and Claims 2-23 and 25-30, which depend from Claims 11 and 24, are also patentable for at least the reasons stated herein.

Claims 14, 16, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as be unpatentable over Devillier (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,435) in view of Blumhardt (U.S. Patent No. 5,533,106). Because Devillier is alleged to be prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and Applicants reserve the right to antedate this reference. Applicants also submit that there is no motivation or suggestion to combine the teachings of Devillier and Blumhardt, as suggested by the Examiner, and the proposed combination is the result of nothing more than using the claimed invention as a blueprint to pick-and-choose isolated elements from the prior art. Accordingly, Claims 14, 16, and 25 are patentable over the proposed combination for this reason alone. Even if Devillier qualifies as prior art and could be properly combined with Blumhardt, Claims 14, 16, and 25 depend from Claims 11 and 24, and therefore, are patentable over the proposed combination for at least the reasons discussed above.

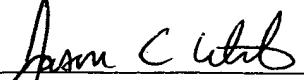
Claims 22 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as be unpatentable over Devillier (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,435) in view of Newton's Telecom Dictionary. Because Devillier is alleged to be prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and Applicants reserve the right to antedate this reference. Applicants also submit that there is no motivation or suggestion to combine the teachings of Devillier and Newton's Telecom Dictionary, as suggested by the Examiner, and the proposed combination is the result of nothing more than using the claimed invention as a blueprint to pick-and-choose isolated elements from the prior art. Accordingly, Claims 22 and 29 are patentable over the proposed combination for this reason alone. Even if Devillier qualifies as prior art and could be properly combined with Newton's Telecom Dictionary, Claims 22 and 29 depend from

Claims 11 and 24, and therefore, are patentable over the proposed combination for at least the reasons discussed above.

Claims 23 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devillier (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,435) in view of Serbetcioglu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,511,111). Because Devillier is alleged to be prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and Applicants reserve the right to antedate this reference. Applicants also submit that there is no motivation or suggestion to combine the teachings of Devillier and Serbetcioglu et al., as suggested by the Examiner, and the proposed combination is the result of nothing more than using the claimed invention as a blueprint to pick-and-choose isolated elements from the prior art. Accordingly, Claims 23 and 30 are patentable over the proposed combination for this reason alone. Even if Devillier qualifies as prior art and could be properly combined with Serbetcioglu et al., Claims 23 and 30 depend from Claims 11 and 24, and therefore, are patentable over the proposed combination for at least the reasons discussed above.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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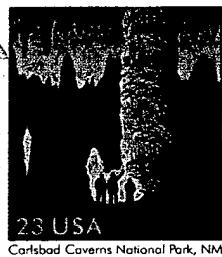
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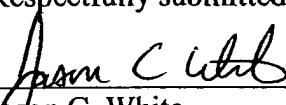
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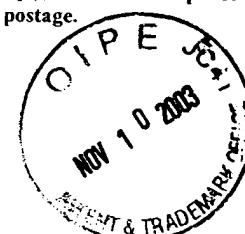
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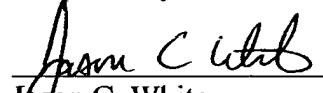
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